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HOUSE BILL 788

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; CREATING A MEDICAID BUY-IN PROGRAM AS A  
WORK INCENTIVE FOR CERTAIN DISABLED PERSONS; MAKING AN  
APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. MEDICAID BUY-IN--LIMITATION.--The human  
services department shall establish a medicaid participation  
work incentive program to permit disabled persons whose earned  
incomes from substantial gainful activity, as defined by  
federal guidelines, are less than two hundred fifty percent of  
the federal poverty level, to participate in the state  
medicaid program. Participants in the program may not be  
receiving supplemental social security income benefits or  
services under the medicaid disabled and elderly or  
developmentally disabled waiver programs concurrent with

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1 participation in the work incentive program. The department  
2 shall adopt rules to achieve a maximum level of participation  
3 commensurate with funding.

4 Section 2. APPROPRIATION. --

5 A. Seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000)  
6 is appropriated from the general fund to the human services  
7 department for expenditure in fiscal year 2000 for the purpose  
8 of funding medicaid participation as a work incentive for  
9 disabled persons, in the following amounts for the following  
10 purposes:

11 (1) six hundred fifty thousand dollars  
12 (\$650,000) for direct costs of medicaid participation by  
13 eligible individuals; and

14 (2) one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)  
15 for administrative start-up costs, including computer  
16 programming for eligibility systems, a disability eligibility  
17 determination unit and outreach and training.

18 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance  
19 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2000 shall revert to the  
20 general fund.